NEW YEAR GREETINGS NOTABLE EVENTS OF SATURDAY,

Official and Private Receptions-New Year's Day at the Executive Mansion-A Distinguished Assemblage and Handsome Toilets-

Pertinent Personal Gossip.

The New Year was greeted with the merry music of the sleigh-bells and the glad shouts of the boys. who spent a happy New Year's Day coasting on the hills of the city. The day was one of the gayest New Year's Days ever known in the history of Washington. The severe cold had a perceptible effect in reducing the number of New Year's callers. A man who is a stickler for conventionalties will not go calling in an ulster, a for muffler, or other heavy wraps. So many persons, rather than violate conventionalties, stayed at home or engaged in festivities which did not require any particular attention to one's attire.

There was a pretty spectacle on the Avenue, where all the sleighs and fast horses of the city were congregated. Such scenes always attract protections and despite the cold, there was a gay

speciators, and despite the cold there was a gay assemblage of promenaders on the Avenue in the afternoon. The main point of interest in the middle of the day was the Executive Mansion, where the President and Mrs. Hayes and the Vice-President and Mrs. dent held a reception, in accordance with the programme published in Saturday's REPUBLICAN. Flowers, bunting, and flags of all nations were used with great skill in adorning the parlors. The reception began at eleven o'clock, at which hour Mrs. Hayes, escorted by Colonel Farquhar, the President with Miss Mills, the Vice-President, and the young ladies who assisted Mrs. Hayes Miss and Mrs. Hayes the young ladies who assisted Mrs. Hayes, Misses Scott, Herron, Morgan, and Russell, entered the parlor. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of New York, was also present, at Mrs. Hayes' invitation. The

and Mrs. Hayes.
Passing from the Blue Parlor the guests crossed compliments of the season. The showy court dresses and decorations worn by many members of the court gave a very brilliant coloring to the Diplomatic reception. The unique costumes of the members of the Chinese Embassy attracted

gress, Justices of the Court of Claims, officers of the army, headed by General Sherman; officers of the navy, headed by Admiral Porter; the District Judiciary, District Commissioners, Marshal of the Court of Claims, officers of the convent, was used as an art gallery, but since the establishment of the new art museum all the finer pieces of statuary on exhibition were removed to District, the District attorney, all of which oc- the new building. There still remained 113 groupcupied the time up to half-past twelve o'clock, when the officers and chiefs of bureaus of the when the officers and chiefs of bureaus of the various Executive Departments filed in. The next quarter of an hour was given up to the Associated Soldiers of 1812, the Veterans of 1846, and the Oldest Inhabitants' Society, all of which organistructure was destroyed. The conservatory near zations attended in force. The reception to the general public began at one

as it required some courage to venture out in the ld even to pay one's respects to the President. The other notable receptions were those held at Secretary Evarts' residence, where a lunch was given to the Diplomatic Corps, at Secretary Shern's new house on K street, and the receptions B. Proctor. Loss \$6,000. Misses Schurz, the Post master-General and Miss Maynard, Secretary and and Mittleberg's store. Mrs. Ramsey, the Speaker and Mrs. Randall, and the ladies at General Sherman's residence.

The severity of cold made it impossible for some & Gallum, Loss \$20,000. ladies to receive who had planned to do so, owing to the impossibility of adequately warming their \$2,500. Mrs. B. M. Mille parlors, and made it an act of humanity to station the Marine Band in the promenade hall of the Exthe parlors for issuing from the western extremity of the inner hall than from the eastern extremity of the outer, and the grouping was more artistic thrown out of employment.

It is mentioned that Colonel Casey's absence from his accustomed post at the Presidential recep-tion Saturday,was due to his being in bereavement from the death, a few months since, of a son Miss Epple Fisher, a teacher at the Indian train-ing school, Carlisle, Pa., has been passing a part of the holiday season with her friend, Miss Louise

Hopkins, 113 Second street northwest. nee of their costumes. Of Miss Kate Morgan, New York, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Morgan, of "The White House has not sheltered a fairer wo-man within its walls for a generation."

Miss Caroline Russell charmed by her queenly manner; Miss Lucy Cook in her toilet of white, with a large scarlet flower gracefully placed at the corsage, was artistically a hile her gracious, self-forgetting manner won her many friends. Miss Dora Scott wore
a white Spanish late dress, showy and elegant, and which set off her beauty
well. The many stranded pearl necklace
of Miss Lizzie Mills was pronounced superior in
slze and fineness of the pearls to the celebrated one
worn by Miss Anna Louise Cary, the prima donna,
and wiscential to her at the Union. and presented to her at the Russian court. The President and Mrs. Hayes were entertained at Milllaae, the country seat of Miss Mills' parents, dur-ing their late visit to California. She is their only daughter. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Mills were guests at the late Sharon-Hesketh wedding. He has long een known as the president of the Bank of Cali-

Woodworth, whose late husband, the lamented John M. Woodworth, surgeon-general of the Marine Hospital, left such a monument of faithful work behind him at his early death, nearly two years ago, was warmly welcomed back to Washington by the many friends who met her Saturday in the Blue Parior, where in her quiet mourning she was informally assisting in the enmourning sale was informally assisting in the enjoyment of guests. She is spending a few weeks
with friends at Le Droit Park. There is a warm
attachment between herself and Mrs. Hayes,
who claims much of her society at the
White House. Mrs. Hay, wife of Colonel John Hay, First Assistant Secretary
of State, was another of the bouquet of ladies who
assisted by invitation of Mrs. Hest assisted, by invitation of Mrs. Hayes, at the rear of the central divan. She was Miss Flora Stone, daughter of an eminent citizen of Cleveland, whose residence is conspicuous among the palatial homes of Euclid avenue. She is beloved and missed in distinguished social circles of that city; and her Washington home, at 1400 Massachusetts avenue, will be out of the centres of attraction. e wore on Saturday a rich and most becoming ss of black satin trimmed with jet and lace,

bavis was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Horace Davis was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Fred-eric King, the only son of his gifted father, the eric King, the only son of his gitted lather, the late Thomas Starr King, and with eyes peculiarly like his in expression. It was of this son that Mr. King in his last hours, in pressing the beautiful boy to his heart, said: "How can I leave him?" He has recently entered Harvard College, for one of whose professors he was accorded to the spending his winter holidays with

named. He is spending his winter holidays with his sister and his brother-in-law, the Representalive in Congress from the San Francisco district. Miss Sunderland and Miss Jessie Sunderland. daughters of Judge Sunderland, of San Francisco, hangisters of Judge Sunderland, of San Francisco, were present at the White House reception, chaperoned by their aunt. Mrs. H. N. Raiston. The party are guests at Willard's, where they will remain for several weeks. Miss Hattle Crippen, of Dakland, Cal., also attended, in company with the faughters of Commissioner Williamson, of the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land Office whose guest she will be self-or the land of narriage of Miss Corinne Williamson, on the 20th. PRVIATE RECEPTIONS.

Among the many New Year's receptions at pri-tate houses, that by Mrs. Judge MacArthur, assisted by Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. Paschal, Mrs. Keith, of Boston, Mrs. Dr. Craig, Misses Minnie Harper, Alice Riddle, and Josephine Thompson, was one of the most thronged and most elegant. Mrs. MacArtur wore a sumptuous dress of pale mauve brocade with drapery of rare lace; ornaments, diamonts. Mrs. Cameron wore a supurb black velvet, immed artistically with white Duchesse point. The remaining ladies had lovely toiletts, Mrs. Craig, daughter of General Alvord. Yearing her bridges of the word observing bridges of was accounted one of the me the season. Miss Riddle wore white of some fiaphanous texture that well became her unusual beauty; Miss Thompson a delicate shade of blue silk with square court-train trimmed with ermine. Among the many here, Governor-elect Porter, who called in company with First Auditor Reynolds of the Treasury, was conspicuous. In conducting the stately expectant bridegroom to the refreshmenttable, said Mrs. Cameron merrily, "Let me brace you up a little, Governor, for the trial that awaits ton are as follows:

will be furnished to the press daily, but no repor-ters will be furnished to the press daily, but no repor-would have almost thought it the residence of a Secretary of State. Mrs. Morton was the beautiful Miss Street, of Poughkeepsie, a niece of Alfred B. would have almost thought it the residence of a Secretary of State. Mrs. Morton was the beautiful Miss Street, of Poughkeepsie, a niece of Alfred B.
Street, the well-known poet, and for many years
the state libarian at Albany.

Mrs. H. B. Warner, Mrs. George C. Maynard, nee
Weaver, Mrs. Robert McMean, nee Parker, and Mrs.
Henry Warner, of Paragraphysis resisted their tained at dinners by the President and Secretary Evarts. To-day the delegates will be presented to

Henry Warner, of Pennsylvania, received their ids very cordially and entertained handsomely at No. 1821 Eleventh street. The latter named lady is well known in literary circles and is the author

pleted, was a striking portrait of the next mistress of the Executive Mansion-Mrs. Garfield. The studio itself was a beautiful picture quite in keeping with the grace and courtesy which presided over its hospitalities. Miss Ransom was assisted by Mrs. Dr. Dexter, Mrs. Colonel Hinds, Mrs. Elvira Sheldon, and Mrs. Captain Foote, all of whom vied with each other in efforts to place callers at their case and render. efforts to place callers at their ease and render their visits agreeable. The venerable Dr. Hale late chief of scouts of the Army of the Cumberland, was present and related many anecdotes of Gen-eral Thomas, whom he seemed to hold in the greatest esteem and reverence. The callers were quite numerous, especially of artists and military men, who were emphatic and enthusiastic in their praises of the painting of General Thomas and the

perfect arrangement of the studio.

Mrs. Cutler and the ladies of her house had a large number of callers. Mrs. L. E. Dean's private parlors at the Cutler House were thronged with

REDUCED TO ASHES.

Another Record of Disastrous Fires-The Losses. WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 2.-The Kanawha County poor-house and smoke-house attached, containing wenty thousand pounds of bacon and other articles, were destroyed by fire yesterday. It is believed that the building was fired by paupers. The loss is \$10,000, insured for \$4,000.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2 .- A special to the Herald states that during service to-day the First M. E. Church, of Canton, was discovered to be on fire, and the church, which cost forty-five thousand dollars, was destroyed; insurance, twenty-five thousand

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Jan. 2.—The Commercial House, corner of Summer and Depot streets, one of the best hotels in North Adams, was totally destroyed by fire at three o'clock this morning. Loss, first to be received were the members of the Cablnet and their ladies, and they were followed by the Diplomatic Corps, headed by Sir Edward Thornton. Secretary Evarts presented the members of the corps and the ladies to the President thirty boarders in the house, nearly all of whom suffered losses of clock this morning. Loss, \$30,000; insurance on building, \$13,000. The furniture was insured for \$2,200. There were about thirty boarders in the house, nearly all of whom suffered losses of clock this morning. stroyed by fire at three o'clock this morning. Loss, suffered losses of clothing, while some who had furnished their rooms lost all their furniture. The Passing from the fine Tailor the East Room, where through the Green Parlor to the East Room, where they halted to greet each other and extend the their night clothing. The fire was caused by a domestics sleeping on the fourth floor escaped in boarder smoking a pipe in bed. New York, Jan. 2.- The hotel at Mount St. Vin-

cent, in Central Park, was totally destroyed by fire to-day, and the loss is estimated at over \$100,-Following the Diplomatic Corps came the Justices of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief-Justice Waite; then Senators and Representatives of Continuous of the Convent of Charles of Continuous of Charles o widow of Crawford, the sculptor. All of these, tostructure was destroyed. The conservatory near by, where all the choice plants belonging to the o'clock and lasted one hour. The attendance, though large, did not equal that of former years, smoking-room. The loss is partly insured.

Fires Elsewhere. At Burlington, Vt., the residence of Captain N.

storehouse of Martin, and W. H. Nixon's paper | the life annuity of 100,000 francs per annum which | ceeded over a mile from Fredericksburg, and At Milwaukee, Wis., the large tannery of Froske

ris McGraw's warehouse. Loss, \$250,000. At Rock Island, Ill., B. D. Buford & Co.'s plow works. Loss, \$250,000. Four hundred men are

SWEET CHARITY.

Conference at Police Headquarters-Committees Appointed to Pass Around the

Hat. Baker, of the Citizens' Relief Association, Commisappointment of committees to canvass the different copy below extracts from a letter recently published that the excessive cold weather will continue. Government Departments and solicit subscriptions | lished in L'Interet General, a financial paper, edited | Petersburg, Va., Jan. 2.—This city was visited No food was sent out, but all the clothing donated had been sent to the various station-houses for distribution. Mr. Baker presented two envelopes, which he said were left at his house yesterday, and upon being opened \$19.06 was found inclosed. Business looking to the appointment of this letter: committees was then begun, whereupon Judge Hagner read the following papers, which was con-

State Department—Colonel R. C. Morgan and John J. Chew. Treasury Department building—Messrs. G. H. Lamphere and O. L. Pitney. Bureau of Engraving and Printing—D. W. Wilson and J. Q. Larmon. Office of First and Second Comptrollers—J.A. Thompson and Alfred Thomas. Commissioner of Customs and Register of the Treasury—C. W. Bradbury and C. Ncale. First and Third Auditors—T. Sturgis and W. H. Whitney. Offices in Winder's building—T. Rathbone and Dr. V. McNally. Treasurer and Comptroller of Currency— W. W. Wilson and J. D. Patton. Commissioner of Internal Revenue—I. Kimball and T. A. Cushing. Internal Revenue—I. Kimball and T. A. Cushing.
Light-House Board—A. B. Johnson. CoastSurvey—
J. W. Porter. War Department building—
H. T. Crosby and J. J. Noah. QuartermasterGeneral's Office—C. E. Fisher and A. Y.
Leech. Subsistence, Medical, and Pay Departments—G. D. Hanson and W. A. DeCaindry.
Navy Department building—F. H. Slickney, P. H.
Folsom. Post-Office Department building—Joseph
H. Blackfan, Colouel J. O. P. Burnside. Interior
Department building—Dr. R. Loseph Melcolm Sen. Department building—Dr. R. Joseph, Malcolm Seaton. Pension Office—O. P. G. Clarke, W. S. Brock. Census Office—C. W. Seaton, A. D. V. Burr. Department of Justice—E. B. Smith, Samuel Mulliken. Department of Agriculture—Charles Worthington, William W. Finney. Govern-ment Printing Office—John Larcombe, J. H. Roberts. Smithsonian Institute—W. J. Rhees, Daniel Leech. United States Navy-Yard—H. K. Gray, Frank Barry. Headquarters United States
Marine Corps—Thomas Hutchinson, S. A. H. Marks.
City Post-Office—F. J. Tullock, J. E. Bell.
The following citizens have been selected by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to act in conjunction with the Police Department in ascertaining the wants of the poor and distributing the necessary supplies. All orders for supplies to be signed by the lieutenants of the police precincts: First Precinet—Rev. Dr. Meador, Dr. R. A. Bacon, and Miss Mary Hatch. Second Precinct—T. H. Langley, O. S. B. Wall, and Mrs. Michaels. Third Precinct—J. H. Wilson, H. P. Gilbert, and Mrs. Mc-Kendree Riley. Fourth Precinct—Owen O'Hara, G. T. McGlue, and Mrs. J. T. Sweetman. Fifth Pre-cinct—Dr. John Walter, E. F. Simpson, and Miss

Juliet Gardner. Sixth Precinct—A. S. Solomons, Rev. Alex. Kent, and Mrs. Burket. Seventh Pre-cinct—J. J. Fuller, B. U. Keyser, and Mrs. Schaf-hirt. Eighth Precinct—R. B. Ferguson, J. A. Tait, W. H. Howard, treasurer Spartan Council No. 5, Sons of Jonadab, has paid into this office \$16.65 as a contribution, to be paid over to the committee appointed in aid of the poor. He informed us that the council suggested to Dr. C. A. Norton, 1022 Seventh street northwest, to give his professional services free, which he generously consented to do medicines without. medicines without charge. The poor and desti-tute can call on him from one to three and from

Alvord, seven to nine p. m. The International Saultary Conference. | ment has encountered much difficulty in obtain-The international sanitary conference meets at the Department of State to-day. The object of its all others should endeaver to lend a helping hand convocation is to devise a more perfect system of in the execution of this task, are thinking of noth-international communication with reference to ing else at present than to induce their countryepidemic diseases.

All the delegates have arrived; those representyou on the 5th." The table was one of the most bountiful and elegant observed in an extensive round of calls.

The reception by Mrs. Greene B. Raum and the ladies who assisted her, is mentioned as brilliant Mrs. Levi P. Morton received handsomely, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Street, and Misses Grin-sisted by her mother, Mrs. Street, and Misses Grin and Will be held in the diplomatic reception room. A synopsis of the proceedings will be furnished to the press dally, but no reporters will be permitted at the sessions.

To as follows:

The English and German consuls-general from New York; Dr. Tache, deputy minister of agriculture and statistics, Canada; Senor Don Manuel de Seamacona, Mexico; Count Bethlen, Austria, and Mr. Michel Bartholome, Russia.

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> Who Is This Young Man? The Morning News of Bridgeport, Conn., gives the

of "Woman's Letters from Washington," in the Montrose Republican.

Among the pleasant places visited on New Year's Day was the studio of Miss Caroline L. Ransom, in the Colonization building. This is probably the most complete studio in the country. The room was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Besides the large picture, by this artist, of "Major-General Thomas at Chicamanga," the room contained a handsome living likeness of General McPherson, surmounted by a magnificent specimen of the American Eagle, speaking pictures of Ben Wade and Chief Justice Chase, and other following Interesting society item:

A GIGANTIC HUMBUG

Spicy View of the De Lesseps Scheme-The City of Paris Placarded with Flaming Advertisements-The Project Denounced by Sober People as a Fraud.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing from Paris, gives a curious account of the methods adopted during the past month for inflicting the De Lesseps scheme upon the people. He

"The 'De Lesseps Panama scheme' has been openly launched upon the Paris market, and is to be presented to the credulity of such of our people at home as may be weak enough to invest in it. It is well understood here in certain circles that the object of putting it upon the market at this time is to forestall any adverse action of the American Congress, for the news of any such action received before sufficient subscriptions had been obtained, at least to cover the advances made by the 'Syndicate' for the first outlays, might prove fatal to the plans of the schemers.' NO QUACK MEDICINE

was ever puffed in newspapers or offered by a charlatan in a public square with a greater flourish of | The Weather in the Old Dominion and trumpets. Hand-bills advertising it, of different colored paper, cover the walls on the public not at once scouted as a huge draft on credulity. THE REAL PURPOSE. the "true inwardness," of the scheme lies in the

ings are flash. His pecuniary needs are great. He | rily slow on account of the bad weather. At St. Charles, Mo., the Cosmos newspaper office and stimulate the excitable feelings of his country-At Manayunk, Phila., the calender room and rather think he will have to remain content with abandon the train the first day before it had pro-I believe the Suez Company pays him for his in- they returned to the city on foot.

> AS FOR ANY CANAL. being made as there is of a double track railroad want of food. from Lake Nyanza to the Dog Star. This view of and Observations. M. de Puydt says in the course North and South are several hours late.

DECEIVING THE PUBLIC-To begin with, I may say that for three years the In compliance with the resolution passed at the meeting at Wiliard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive subscriptions in the several Government Department of the meeting at Wiliard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and subscriptions in the several Government Department of the meeting at Wiliard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at Williard Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at William Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at William Hall Friday night, the following gentlemen are designated to solicit and receive and the meeting at which has every interest in seeing an interna-tional waterway opened through its territory at the expense of foreigners. England, Holland, Germany and Belgium have all refused to create a conflict with the United States by opposing the Monroe doctrine. In the last named country a strong feeling of opposition manifested itself against the enterprise among all classes of society Two American war vessels were sent to the Isth-mus to establish coaling stations and to keep an eye on the doings of the partisans and promoters of the canal scheme. Besides this, an American Minister Plenipotentiary went to Bogota to remon-strate with the Colombian Government, and sub-sequently the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was de-

nounced by the United States. THE REVENUE OF THE Colombian Republic for 1880-1881 is 24,000,000 francs; its expenditure, including the English debt, amounts to 52,000,000 francs. The English capitalists, however, have not touched a penny of the interest on the different Colombian loans for a great length of time, and to cover themselves they recently seized the percentage paid by the Panama Railroad to the republic. A diplomatic intervention on the part of the English govern-ment might have ensued had not the Americans -ever faithful to the Monroe doctrine-suddenly subscribed to a Colombian loan, which enabled Colombia to pay up its arrears of interest on the English loan out of its own budget; for it was stipulated that the interest on the American loan should be exclusively secured by the tax which the Panama Railroad pays to the Colombian government. But this security will be destroyed or absorbed by the construction of M. de Lesseps' canal, which, if it is ever built, will not be finished for twelve years at the very least. Will the canal company be able to discharge the obligations of the railroad, which it will be obliged to purchase at an enormous price? Will it burden itself with the interest on the American loan for twenty-five years-the time stipulated in the treaty?

unaware of these things, but he hides them away from the public and pushes the subscriptions to his loan, knowing that at the opening of Congress at Washington Mr. Garfield will publicly declare that

The following is taken from Le Mercure, a Parisian financial journal, of December 1, 1880: Nobody is ignorant of the fact that the governmen, by all possible means, to bring to the com-panies of which they are the directors the sum of \$00,000,000 francs—this for the benefit of M. de Lesseps and his canal project. Such things are sad to relate, but we must do our duty in the premises. lions which will have been handed in by idiots who still place their reliance in such men as Donon, Soubeyran, Dervieux, De Lesseps, Deniere, and Germain. The banks in question are as follows: La Societe de Depots et de Comptes courants, La Societe generale de Credit industriel et commercial, La Banque d'escompte de Paris, La Societe generale pour le developpement de l'industrie et du commerce en France, La Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, Le Credit Lyonnais. Paris et des Pays-Bas, Le Credit Lyonnais. Are we also to continue seeing such great political journals as the Figuro and the France open their columns to this company of M. de Lesseps that traveling salesman in caual shares, who has never studied seriously and of whom all who were present at the siege of Rome have a very unsavory remembrance? Why should we not say it? Some remembrance? Why should we not say it? Some of these papers may have become closely identified with the whole enterprise. But even if it be so, they should have no scruples now in throwing it and its promoters "everboard." In conclusion we may congratulate the present president of the Credit Foncier of France that he has escaped the snare which was also laid for him.

A GRAND FARCE. As for this grand farce of "raising the wind,"

presented with many scenic effects by the De Lesseps Company, intelligent Americans residing THE CITY'S CHURCHES here take it for granted that their countrymen at home will not be thrown from their equilibrium BAMBOOZLING THE GAY PARISIANS. by all this flourish of trumpets on both sides of the THEIR GROWTH AND CONDITION. water. I am sorry for the persons who may allow themselves to be misled; and doubtless many a hard-carned and saved twenty-five francs, attracted from the pockets of persons of limited means by the smallness of the first payment, will be swallowed up. Where is the five per cent. interest to come from before the canal is made? Doubtless out of the pockets of the silly stockholders-not the "privileged" ones. I am happy to say that although numerous banks here, allured by the prospect of gain, have lent themselves to the scheme, some men of high standing, like M. Christofle, the directors of the "Credit Foncier." and the Rothschilds, refuse to allow their counters to be used for such a fly-trap. I am surprised that some American bankers of excellent standing have allowed themselves to be paraded in the papers as ready to receive subscriptions. It is no wonder that some men of small calibre have yielded to the allurements; for among the attractions on the play-bills of this comedy, which may some day end unhappily for the chief actors, is the offer of a silver medal (warranted to be worth five francs) to every individual to whom five shares of or Hebrew. stock shall be assigned!

COLD VIRGINIA.

Elsewhere. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 2.-The reported thoroughfares; many of the newspapers have been | missing train which left here was not on the Richbought up, and publish from day to day articles | mond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad, but advocating the bubble; and one can hardly pur- on the Fredericksburg, Potomac, and Piedmont chase anything in the large magazins de nouveautes | road, which is a local narrow-gauge road having its without having the purchase sent home together | present termini respectively at Fredericksburg on with some paper recommending the scheme as an the east and Orange Court-House on the west. investment. In short, no circus hand-bills and ad- The road is about fifty miles long, has only a local vestisements can equal the mendacity exhibited travel, and is not even supplied with the comin the publications put forth by the patrons of the | monest sort of a telegraph line. It is the only road De Lesseps scheme. Indeed, this scheme might | that has had to succumb to the severity of the late be stigmatized by a much harsher term than that snow-storms and the recent cold weather. A reof mere "humbug," were it not that it is only the port from Orange Court-House at the one end of blindness of the public in moments of excitement | the road says: "Both the trains which started cast which can account for the fact that the project is and west several days ago are snow-bound at Tinder's Crossing since Wednesday, and can't get

either way." The supposed missing or lost train left here on nineteenth article of the contract or notarial act this narrow gauge road on Tuesday morning last. of association constituting the company. This After proceeding about twelve miles through the states that ten per cent, of the shares are to form a snow this train was called to halt by the water privileged series of shares of stock for the Funders | freezing in the tanks of the tender. A message of the Company! If the whole stock should be re- was sent back to the city by the old turnpike or alized, this "privileged" portion would amount to high road asking for assistance, and another enabout 30,000,000 francs or \$6,000,000. Was there ever | gine was despatched in search of the frozen or a more barefaced announcement? In truth, De missing train on the following day (Wednesday). Lesseps is a flash man and his immediate surround. This all took time, as communication was necessa-

not only wants money, but he wants much of it. When the second engine started a driving snow-His liabilities are great; but I am much mistaken storm was prevailing, but, notwithstanding this, if he has not this time torn off rather too much of the missing train was overtaken the same day. the veil which has hitherto hung over his schemes. Every effort was at once undertaken by the would-I think you will now see a fall in Sucz stock. In- be rescuers to relieve the frozen train. All this was deed it has begun already; but so much of that to no purpose, however, as, unhappily, the enstock is held by England that it will not go below deavor to move the train exhausted the supply of life the folly that marked the days of John Law tional relief was obtained, and they returned to Fredericksburg at seven p. m., after an absence of men to the verge of madness, which I doubt, I five days. The passengers were wise enough to and D streets, the congregation worshipped and dealer at Mercer and Houston streets in this city.

terest therein. He will be lucky if nothing worse | Several men were frost-bitten during Thursday At Madison, Wis., the Norwegian Hotel. Loss happens to him. But \$20,000 per annum is a mere drop toward meeting his lavishness. night, when the temperature was twenty-two degrees below zero. The trains on the other roads grees below zero. The trains on the other roads are running irregularly. Much suffering prevails At New Orleans a number of wagons belonging | being made across the continent by virtue of the | on account of the unusual and intense cold, the Marine Band in the promenade hall of the Excentive Mansion, instead of the vestibule, as hereto one of the Mystic Mardi-Gras organizations, value \$5,000. A. Haurell's saddlery, Isidore, Levy
tofore. This was an improvement in other respects as well. The music was much more effective in

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& Co.'s crockery store, 8. Cobec's wholesale clothing store, Theura & Beckee's warehouse, and Morris Modern and Morris Modern and Morris Modern and Modern a have never believed in its accomplishment since vided. Cattle have been lost also by exposure, and and Daniel Webster frequently knelt at its altar, lieve, about as much probability of such a canal lings in the country, forced in by severe cold and

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT., Jan. 2.- The coldthe matter, however, should console patriotic est weather for many years has prevailed here Americans, for no canal ought to be allowed across | since Thursday. At daylight on Thursday the any part of the two continents of North and South | murcury stood 20° below zero; on Friday at day-America, except under the avowed and openly light 26° below, and this morning at seven o'clock recognized authority of the United States. Far- it stood at 20° below. At Lindonville on the Passighted men here, as well as in America, realize sumpsic Railroad, Friday morning the murrour A conference was held at police headquarters that any canal not under the known consent, au- was 32° below. The water in springs, wells, and ast evening between Judge Hagner and Mr. John A. thority, and supervision of the United States streams is exhausted, and farmers and others are The group of young ladies now visiting Mrs. Baker, of the Citizens' Relief Association, CommisHayes were the subjects on Saturday of many complimentary remarks for their beauty and the eleappointment of committees to canvass the different appointment of committees the canvas app

St. Thomas Church, one stately old gentleman of long experience in public life at Washington said:

| In aid of the suffering poor of the District. Major long experience in public life at Washington said: | Brock reported that up to date he had received is above question. The letter is written by M. Lu-\$634,25, of which \$65.75 was sent to him yesterday. cien de Puydt, who is an engineer and explorer of The river is frozen for a distance of several miles, the Isthmus of Panama, and a member of the geo- and navigation is completely broken up. The graphic societies of Paris and London, and of the river and the ponds adjacent to the city were French Board of Colonial and Maritime Statistics | crowded to-day with skaters. The trains from the

Incidents of the Storm. The weather in New Orleans New Year's Day

was clear and calm, the mercury standing at 40°. Mrs. Michael Tweede and her two children, living in a squatter's hut near Red V alley, N. J., were subscriptions in the several Government Departments, and they are respectfully urged to enter forthwith upon the performance of the duty assigned, and deposit the amounts collected with Mr. C. C. Glover, treasurer of the Relief Association, at the banking house of Riggs & Co: A. B. Hagner, chairmain; John A. Baker, secretary. State Department—Colonel R. C. Morgan and deposit the matter, and all that has been told is entirely false. I will try and prove this in as few words as possible. All know that M. de Lesseps, in spite of his travels, his negotiations and conferences, has never been able to obtain the official support of any government, unless it is that of Colombia, which has every interest in sceing an internation of the matter, and all that has been told is entirely from the fatence cold. They had been without food for several days. Assistance came too late to save the woman's life, and she died on Friday night. The children were in a pitiable condition, but will probably recover. The Shrewsberry River, in New Jersey, is frozen its whole length, and a score of vessels are held found by neighbors on Thursday night suffering its whole length, and a score of vessels are held

A Line to Mexico.

St. Louis. Jan. 2-Nearly one million dollars have been raised in this city to aid in the construcroad, a line which is now being built from Texarkana to Waco, Texas, and which it is designed to extend from the former point to Cairo, Ill., continuous narrow-gauge line from the latter place to the City of Mexico. A syndicate has been formed in New York to carry out this project, and the Capital city.

TH road has already been raised. The line between Cairo and Texarkana is expected to be finished in the course of the year, as the work of construction

will be pushed from both ends. A Frightful Accident. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 2.-Information has reached here that a most distressing and in all likelihood fatal accident occurred at Hamburg, some seventy miles north of here, on New Year's Eve. Miss Kate Campbell, daughter of Colonel Campbell, of this city, was visiting her friend, Nannie Wood, daughter of a leading merchant of Hamburg. The two young ladies had just finished dressing to attend a ball, and as Miss Wood was crossing the room in which they were awalting the arrival of their escort, her dress, a flowing robe of Swiss muslin, touched the stove and instantly took fire. She ran, and in passing Miss Campbell, the lat-ter's dress was ignited. Before assistance came Miss Wood was very badly burned about the face, arms, and body, and Miss Campbell so severely injured that she cannot survive. Her clothing, with the exception of her corset and hose, was consumed, and her whole body frightfully burned.

LONDON, Jan. 3 .- A dispatch to the Times from Berlin says: General Garfield has written to the editor of a German review expressing joy at the cordial relations which exist between Germany and the United States. There seems to be no real basis for the rumor that Mr. Carl Schurz will be designated by General Garfield to supersede Mr. is that they were still chipping off their drinks with a hatchet. At Duluth and Omaha, however, they could pour them out, the thermometer in each place marking 11° above zero.

The weather was clear in each city, and the wind fresh and brisk. In Yankton, Dakota, it was 5°

White here. How a Clergyman's Daughter Died. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 2.- The remains of the young woman who was found wandering on the meadows near Weehawken on Christmas night and subsequently died in the county jail, to which she had been committed for protection, were iden-tified as those of Miss Eva Clifton, daughter of a New Orleans clergyman,

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS.

FRANK COLE was scalded to death at the Seymour cutlery works, Holyoke, Mass. BLACK, a barber, killed detective James L. Smith, at the Lockwood House, Sidney, Neb. ROBERT W. ANDREWS, a lawyer of Brooklyn, slipped, struck his head on the sidewalk, and died.

Lacouse won the walking match in Boston, scoring 425, and Wilmot 400 miles. Time-127 EDWARD PEARCE, a leading merchant and business man, president of the Phonix National Bank, of Providence, R. I., is dead.

JOHN WILLIAMS, of Creole fire engine company No. 1, of New Orleans, died of injuries rrceived at

JOSEPH W. MILNE, the fugitive paying teller of the Pocasset National Bank of Fall River, Mass., has been arrested at the St. Nicholas Hotel, New CAPTAIN R. H. ENGLISH, editor and proprietor of the Selma Daily Times, and for many years past

agent of the Associated Press in Selma, Ala., is dead. dead.

During the month of December 9,097,265 pieces were coined at the United States mint in Philadelphia; their total value, 86,889,075.70. Of these pieces there were 276,140 cagles, 687,640 half eagles, 1,000 three dollar pieces, and 600,255 silver dollars.

When They Were Built, Who Has Preached in Them, Who Have Been and Now Are Prominent Members-An Interesting History of Their Trials and Triumphs.

A few days since we published a sketch of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. To-day we give a sketch of the Unitarian Church. We will here state that it is our intention to follow them up at short intervals with a description and history of all the principal churches of the city.

It is our purpose to give the most interesting leading facts in relation to each church society, and to enable us to do so we solicit information especially as to their earliest history, and the names of those of national repute who have been communicants or regular attendants. Of course THE REPUBLICAN favors no particular denomination, but will endeavor to give a readable paper on such leading church, whether Protestant, Catholic,

All Souls' Church. As New England was the centre of Unitarianism

in this country it may well be supposed that her Senators and Representatives in Congress were in great part believers in this idea, and that they would favor any plan which proposed the location of a church of their faith in the country's Capital. It was not until in 1832, however, that the Unitarian element in Washington assembled together in a house of public worship. This house was the "Old Bath House," well known to Washingtonians of a generation back. It was located on the north side of C street, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets, and is still standing.

Rev. Mr. Little was the first pastor. He was a short, stout man, dark complexion, a man of some scholarship and brilliant intellect, and femous for his oratorical ability. He went to Harrisburg, Pa., in 1834, to dedicate a Unitarian church in that city, was there taken suddenly ill and died. His place was filled in Washington by the Rev. Mr. Bulfinch, who will be remembered by many of the old residents as a school teacher, having an academy on First street northwest, just above the Avvenerable John Purdy, who then owned a great the church corner of Sixth and D streets, and from the "Old Bath Honse" on C street the congregation went thither in that year,

Among the subscribers for the new church were John C. Calhoun, John F. Webb, Moses Poor, W. Thompson, Judge Cranch, John Purdy, Dr. Jones, and otherr. All of the names mentioned, except famous for ability and influence. Rather a singular coincidence may here be mentioned. The Police Court, which for years was established across the street from the site of the Unitarians' a certain point, for the Suez Canal is a necessity water, and both engines and train remained first church, followed them shortly after their renow for England. Unless De Lesseps can call into | blocked in the snow until yesterday, when addi- | moval from their second, and now occupies that bullding.

commodious edifice, handsomely furnished, and | will be taken to court. always comfortable. Its choir was one of the best church. Here worshipped the foremost statesmen and the greatest journalists of the age, for John C. extradition papers would be sent at once. Calhoun was a regular attendant on its services, while Joseph Gales and William Winston Seaton, Sunday after Sunday, joined in the solemn ceremonies that voiced their adoration of their God. There the noblest of jurists and the most peaceloving of Presidents quaffed from the same communion cup; for Cranch consecrated to his Maker, in the Unitarian faith, the white, shining character and the magnificent abilities that have made of his name a proverb for purity and of his life an exemplar for imitation, while Millard Fillmore sought in the serene solemnity of this sanctuary a refuge from the persecutions of the politicians and

a rest from the services of the State. A goodly congregation, in sooth, and a famous one, has been gathered for many years in the old building. Presidents, Senators, judges, members of the Cabinet, poets, artists, and preachersthere is a famous list of such names on the books of the church. Equally distinguished have been the preachers attached to this charge. Succeeding Bulfinch, the second pastor, were John G. Palfrey, of Massachusetts; Prof. Allen, now of Harvard University; the famous Dr. Orville Dewey, Edward Everett Hale, Moneure D. Conway, Wm. H. Channing, Frederic M. Hinckley, and others. It was during the pastorate of Wm. H. Channing, who came here in 1862, that the church was disrupted. and under his successor, Hinckley, the congregation divided. One part went to Willard's Hall, and the other and smaller section remained at the

church. For a number of years neither division had any regular preacher, but each was supplied from the Council of the Church in New England. Such men as the two Bellows, Frothingham, Cudworth, and others as famous, have frequently preached in the fast by the ice.

Theodore Cummings, aged eighteen years, the son of William C. Cummings of farille, N. J., while skating plunged through to air-hole and while skating plunged through to air-hole and built a new church, and, having called Rev. Clay MacAulay as their man of the caucus to be held to-morrow night to pester, went to work and built a new church, known as All Souls', on the corner of Fourteenth | the chairman of the caucus appoints a committee and L streets. They sold the old and historic to distribute the subordinate officers of the Legisbuilding to the Commissioners of the District for \$20,000, which put them out of debt. They took tion of the St. Louis and Texas Narrow-Gauge Rail. | with them to All Souls' the bell of the old church, which was east in 1820, and presented to the Unitarian Society of Washington upon its first organi-

there to connect with the narrow-gauge road to St. Louis. It is also intended to push the road from Waco to the Rio Grande to connect with the Palmer-Sullivan system, which is to be constructed to the City of Mexico. It is also in contemplation to ultimately build a narrow-gauge railroad from St. Louis or Cairo to New York, and thus have a continuous parrow-gauge line from the latter place.

THE COLD SNAP.

It Loses its Grip and Affords Time to Mend Bursted Water-pipes.

The bitter cold weather of the past few days has at last suffered a sea change into something warmer and better. It moderated Saturday night to such an extent that quite a heavy fall of snow in Washington was added to the already generous donations of that character which have been conferred on us within the past three weeks. The indications are a slight rise in temperature for the next twenty-four hours about Washington, with southwest to northwest winds, and clear or fair

In Texas it will be colder, as in Tennessee and

the Ohio Valley. The Lake Region will enjoy still longer the same bracing weather which has added such zest to the Washington Christmas, while the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valley will keep on catching fits in the shape of colder weather. There can be no question about it, General Hazen is a new hand at the bellows, and is pouring the weather out of the weather. is pouring the weather out of the wrong end of the horn. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon reports from all the stations that reached the Signal Office in this city indicated a remarkable change for the better. Nothing was heard from Bismark, Dakota, and Boise City, Idaho, and the probability is that they were still chipping off their drinks

above zero, clear weather and fresh wind. The wind at that temperature will keep without salt. It wasn't a good day for coldin Yankton, however, although it was the coldest place in the United although it was the coldest place in the United States of which any record was received here. Des Moines, Iowa, reached 17° above, St. Paul, Minn., recorded 12° above, and Burlington, Vt., 14° above. The warmest places in the United States were: Pensacola, Fia., 45°: Jacksonville, Fia., 46°; Key West, 63° above; Memphis. Tenn., 44°; Mobile, Ala., 48°; New Orleans, La., 50°: Punta Rassa, Fia., 60°; Sacramento, Cal., 55, and San Diego, Cal., 62°. Hore in Washington it was 27° above, while at San Francisco, which is in just one degree of latitude further south than this city, the thermometer marked 58° above, or 31° more than this city. Portland, Oreg., considerably further north than Portland, Md., marked 40° above, and the latter place 23° above, showing the vast difference beplace 23° above, showing the vast difference be-tween the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the

country.
The records of the Signal Bureau, which extend back only ten years, show that the past few days have exceeded in coldness anything known during the decade. The data are not at hand to compare these days with winters prior to 1870, but while 1862-3, 1864-5, 1856-7, 1855-6, 1851-2, and 1835

while 1862-3, 1864-5, 1856-7, 1855-6, 1851-2, and 1885 were very cold seasons, it is not believed that the thermometer during either of them, except possibly 1855-6, 1851-2, and 1835 went below 14° below zero in this city, the lowest point reached here this season, on the 1st of January, 1881.

In 1835 the Potomac River froze to its mouth, and in 1852 and 1855 clear to the Bay of St. Mary's, just inside of Point Lookout. The winter of 1855-56, commencing on Christmas Eve with a friehtful commencing on Christmas Eve with a frightful sleet, extended all over the country, and even affeeted the Tropics, snow falling this year in Cuba-

covered up fences, out-buildings, &c., obliterating for the time being all landmarks.

The next deepest fall occurred on the 17th of January, 1857, lasting three days, and averaging a depth of twenty-four inches in Washington and the surrounding country. This latter was the winter of the famous sleighing on Pennsylvania avenue. The snowfall of this winter so far has been the greatest since 1857.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

A Gang of Counterfeiters of Two Contlnents Break Into Jail.

New York, Jan. 2.-The capture of Charles Becker and George Engels, two forgers of unusual note, now prisoners at police head-quarters, com pletes the destruction of a band of criminals that has been the terror of two continents for years. George Wilkes, Shell Hamilton, and "Pete Barnes, three of their confederates, are prisoners in Florence, Italy, on a charge of forgery, on which their two associates are now held here, awaiting extradition. Wilkes and Becker were leaders of a band to which belonged five other members, two of whom are free, and three are in different States, prisons for the crime of forgery.

The names of members already in prison are "Al." Wilson, in the Baltimore penitentiary, George Bell, awaiting trial there, and Henry Clarey, in the Albany penitentiary. "Bill" Bartlett and Edward Barnes are free. Last Wednesday

A CABLE DISPATCH to Police Commissioner Smith from Consul Crosby, at Florence, advised him of the capture in that city of three American forgers, who were traveling with their wives under the nomes of George Ashton Colbert, Henry Willis, and James J. Julius, Forged securities, letters of credit, and drafts on American banks were found in their posession.

Telegraphic correspondence with Consul Crosby developed the fact that Colbert was alias for "Pete" Burns, Willis for "Wilkes," and Julius for "Shell" Hamilton, who was out of prison hardly nine months. A dispatch was then received which announced that evidence had been found by the police of Florence implicating Charles Becker and George Engels in the forgeries, and asking further arrest. Engels' alias, as discovered by the Italians,

TRAPS WERE SET

at once for the two men by the police, and on Fri- no room for doubt that a stringent peace preservaday night Engels was arrested and locked up at tion bill will be introduced in the House of Comthe police headquarters. Detectives were sent to mons immediately after the assembling of Parlia-Becker's house, about two miles back of New Lots, ment. It is improbable that liberty of speech, in Kings County, on Wednesday. They watched either in print or at public meetings, will be interenue, in a building erected for that purpose by the the house all through the snow-storm, and on Fri- fered with, except by strict enforcement of the exday morning they arrested their man as he was | isting law." deal of that part of the city. In 1834 was finished ascending the steps of his residence, and took him also to police headquarters.

that extradition papers would be forwarded at law of Ireland is deliberately impeded by a peronce. Charles Becker is well known to the police | verse faction, it will be necessary to consider how W. Seaton, Joseph Gales, Seth Hyatt, William as the man who perpetrated the \$64,000 forgery on such an intolerable situation can be put to an end." the Union Trust Company in 1873. He was arrested and a plate of a forged check was found Calhoun, were prominent residents of Washington, at his house. He was a prisoner in the Tombs and Ludlow-street jail for a long time but escaped pun ishment.

Before that he had been imprisoned in Constantinople for forging Turkish bonds, and broke jail with two confederates, "Joe" Elliott and "Charley" Draper. He is, according to information gained by the police, charged with committing murder in case there should not be a quorum on Monday. Here, in this historic building, corner of Sixth | Europe some years ago. Edward Burns is a liquor flourished for many years. It was a large and He is under police surveillance. The prisoners

The prisoners will be taken before the United in Washington, a city always famous for the high | States authorities to-morrow. A dispatch was recharacter of its musical talent. An array of noble | ceived to-day from the American consul at Florence, names was always to be found on the books of the | Italy, stating that the Italian government had positive proof of the guilt of the prisoners, and

POLITICAL FACTS.:

What the Tribune Says-The Senatorial

Contests in Several States. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.- The Tribune to-morrow, in a conspicuous editorial, will say: "The time seems fit be used as a make-weight in pending Senatorial contests, whether in New York or elsewhere. We lately overthrown because he did not move are fully authorized to say this, and the words are

It is proper to say, further, that the incoming New York and from other States who had the ing of the statue of Minerva Victorious, couples courage at Chicago to obey the wishes of their districts in the balloting for President, and who thus made at a moment when all Greece is in arms. for the Republican party and for the country. threatened with a different course at Washington. may reassure themselves. The administration of President Garfield is to be an administration for the whole Republican party. It will foment no a position of serious danger, France, Italy, and

quarrel; it will earnestly seek the things England would surely help her. Russia, too, that make for peace and for the best interests of the party it represents. But it will not permit its friends to be persecuted for their friendship. Whoever has been persuaded to doubt this may as well make henceforth a declaration of independence from the dictation of any authority save the wishes of constituents and his own convictions of policy and right.

The Pennsylvania Contest.

lature the issue between the Grow and anti-Grow factions will naturally be joined here, and the result will afford a pretty reliable index to their respective strength.

The contest for the Presidency of the Senate will be between Newell, of Philadelphia, and Greer, of Butler, with the chances apparently in favor of the former. Benjamin L. Hewit, of Blair, a classmate of Senator Cameron at Princeton College, will be chosen Speaker without opposition. At the last session Mr. Hewit opposed the Allegheny riot bill, and Wolfe, who was the leader in the fight against that measure, claims to have put him forward for the Speakership; but he is essentially Cameron's candidate, and the advocates of the riot bill will give him their cheerful support.

The Contest in New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2 .- A majority of the Legislature is now in the city, and the hotels are quite Potchefstroom, is closely besieged. His position lively with the canvassing for the speakership. It is conceded that General Sharpe will receive the the British administrator for the Transvaul, i still nomination of the Republican caucus to-morrow at Pretoria. He has been summoned to surrender. night, though Mr. Skinner will receive quite a flattering vote. In the canvassing the United States Senatorship crops out frequently, and the anti-Conking section, though they would like to elect Mr. Skinner Speaker, and feel that they cannot do Ninety-fourth Regiment is that Commandant Janit, are positive they will elect the anti-Conkling | bert, with a patrol of 150 men, met the troops, and candidate, Depew, United States Senator. They say they have the votes of enough assemblymen orders, but the officers insisted on going on. Compledged to secure this result in the joint ballot mandant Janbert then commanded a charge, and when the votes of anti-Conkling Senators will be in fifteen minutes fifty of the British were killed

The Tennessee Legislature. NASHVLLLE, Jan. 2.-The Republicans held a caucus last night, in which great harmony prevailed. They named R. R. Butler, formerly member of Congress, for Speaker of the House. They being killed and 8,000 cattle and 5,000 sheep capfeel confident of being able to organize the House. | tured. All the Republican members were present except two, who have not yet arrived. They will meet | the Standard says it is reported that if troops are again in cancus Monday to decide upon caudi- sent from England to fight the Boers, the Dutchdates for the clerkships. The Low-tax Democrats | men in the Free States will make common cause met in cancus, but without coming to any conclu- with the Boers. sion adjourned until Monday morning, at which time, it is understood, the Democrats will attempt to harmonize on candidates for Speaker and other officers of the House.

Death of E. H. Luther. Boston, Jan. 2 .- E. H. Luther, for some years

prominently connected with the press of New England and other portions of the country, and atterly a well-known member of the corps of Washington correspondents, died to-day in Worcester, aged about thirty years.

A Family Reunion.

quite a sensation was created by a rumor that Mille. Sarah Bernhordt was present and occupying a pew at the vesper service. The sexton, to whom a tall, richly-attired lady had been pointed out as "the Bernhardt," reported that she was using a tall. a tall, richly-attired lady had been pointed out as "the Bernhardt," reported that she was using a French prayer-book, and this was regarded as a positive confirmation of the story. At the close of the services a member of the chofr, who is possessed of extraordinary "nerve," approached the supposed great tragedienne, and was taken flat aback by discovering that the lady in question was the daughter of a retired banker and hafled from the State of Kentucky.

—In order to avoid repeated in Catholic tations in regard to the state of Ireland in Catholic newspapers, the Pope has requested all Catholic newspapers, the Pope has requested all Catholic newspapers, the Yope has requested all Catholic varieties.

—Alfred New has falled. He was the proprietor of extensive iron works at Trowel, near Notting-ham. His liabilities are heavy. James Brierley & Co., cotton spinners, of Rochdale, have also falled. Tabilities stated at £23,000.

the State of Kentucky. Direct to Chicago.

BLOWS FOR LIBERTY

BY THE IRISH, GREEKS, AND BOERS.

Big Land Meetings in Ireland-The Grecian Isles Fairly Aroused-They Want Blood-Whip-

ping British Soldiers in South

Africa-Latest News.

LONDON, Jan. 3 .- A dispatch from Dublin to the London Observer states that, in order not to come in contact with the police, the meeting which was called to take place at Drogheda Sunday, and which was prohibited, was held there Saturday. After Messrs, Healy and Davitt had made speeches two magistrates summoned the chairman to stop the meeting, and the riot act was read. The people dispersed quietly. Ten thousand persons were present.

A monster Land League meeting took place at Bally Castle on Saturday, and a meeting at which three thousand people were present, was held the same day at Killalla. A collision is reported at Tuan between soldiers and the crowd, during which stones were freely thrown.

A Land League meeting was held to-day near Killarney, at which eight thousand persons were

A party of men have visited the house of a man named Daniels at Cork, and shot him, inflicting a dangerous wound. The affair is believed to be connected with Fenianism. The meeting which was to have been held at

administration of the law and a fair and impartial trial of the traversers. A troop of dragoons, a company of infantry, and a large force of police surrounded the platform to prevent the meeting at Kanturk. Although a large number of people were present, no attempt was

Clondalkin to-day was prohibited, because the

authorities had reason to believe it had been sum-

moned for the purpose of interfering with the due

made to hold the meeting. The Times in its leading article says: "There is

The article, discussing the warnings of Irish obstruction, says: "The House of Commons is natur-The Florence authorities were advised of the ally reluctant to accept any innovation upon its capture of these men, and they sent word back | traditions of free debate, but it reassertion of the

"The Blood of the Greeks,"

Athens, Jan. 2.—The Chamber of Deputies read a third time the bills granting a credit for January and empowering the government to obtain an advance of 25,000,000 drachme was upon the lean of 120,000,000, and also a convention for the conclusion of that loan. The Premier requested the Chamber to reassemble on the 22d instant in

This was agreed to. M. Tricoupis, the leader of the Opposition, demanded explanations from the government regarding the present position of the frontier question. He declared that arbitration would destroy the work of the Berlin Conference. M. Tricoupis concluded by saying: "Europe may tear up the protocol, but the tattered document will be steeped. in the blood of the Greeks."

The Premier replied that it was unnecessary for the ministry to ask either the chamber or the nation to dictate a reply to the arbitration proposal. He said: "We have acted upon our own responsibility, and Europe understands that we are capable of executing its decision. We are resolved courageously to defend the interests and honor of Greece." It is evident from this that even ministerial refor at least one statement about the approaching serve and conservatism are powerless to resist administration of President Garfield. It is not to the pressure to which the King and government are now subjected. Mr. Tricoupis was

As an indication of the warlike fervor prevail-Administration will see to it that the men from ing, the mayor of Athens, in announcing the find-

the fact with the statement that the discovery is finally voted for Garfield, shall not suffer for it nor St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The Vienna Presse's St. lose by it. They will not fail of honorable recog- Petersburg correspondent has had an interview nition for their independence, their courage, their with General Ignation, whom he reports as saying resolute pursuit of the policy they believed best that a retrograde movement on the part of the Greek government would endanger the throne of Gentlemen at Albany, who are said to have been King George, and that a revolution could searcely be confined to Hellenie territory.

> annex Thessaly and Epirus, should be reduced to could not abandon her Greek co-religionists to their fate, should their existence be imperilled. London, Jan. 3 .- A dispatch from Constantinople to the Standard says the Porte is informed that Greece is introducing arms on the mainland from Corfu and Santo Maura in foreign vessels. The

Moreover, he said if Greece, in attempting to

Porte proposes to notify the powers of this violation of the treaties which guarantee the perpetual neutrality of the Ionian Islands.

The War in South Africa. LONDON, Jan. 2.-A dispatch from Durban, dated December 31, says the Dutchmen of the Orange Free State are greatly excited. In Cape Colony the revolt is considered a terrible calamity. The military authorities do not deem it advisable to denude Cape Town of its garrisons. Sir George Colley has issued an address to the troops, saying effaced and the rebellion suppressed. But he trusts that the officers and men will not retaliate for outrages, and will avoid punishing the innocent for the guilty. He charges them to remember that the Boers, though misled and deluded, are, in the main, a brave and high-spirited people, actuated by feelings that are entitled to respect. [Another dispatch from Cape Town, dated December 20, says; The Triumvirate have issued a proclamation defending their action and offering pardon to all opponents. They agree to retain the present officers, to admit a British Consul, and to indemnify Great Britain for her expenditure on behalf of the Transvaal. The Triumvirate have proclaimed martial law. Governor Beliairs, at causes great apprehension here. Colonel Lanyon, The excitement throughout Cape Colony is intense. Communication with the Transvaal, except through the Orange Free State, is entirely inter-

and many wounded, and then the remainder surrendered. The premier of the Cape government telegraphs on the 31st ultimo that the colonists have gained a signal success over the Tambookies, eighty rebels

rupted. The Boer account of the affair with the

requested their officers to await Colonel Lanyon's

LONDON, Jan. 3.-The Durban correspondent of

The Daily News remarks that beyond a few beleaguered parties the Transvaai has completely passed out of our hands, and if the Union Jack is flying at Pretoria by April we shall not be able to

accuse the troops of sloth. CABLE CLATTER.

-The drouth is becoming serious in Constanti--The army estimates on the New Budget in England will exceed £20,000,000. -Claude Joseph Casimir Gaillardin, the French historian, and Signor Mauro Mucchi, the Italian writer and rhetorician, are dead.

Garfield attended a family reunion on New Year's
Day, at Solon, this county, at the residence of Mrs.
Mary Larrabee, sister of General Garfield. They also spent Sunday at Solon.

"Milliam Perry, alias "The Tipton Slasher," formerly a well-known purilist, died on Christmas eve in London from the effects of drink.

"Tennyson's new tracelly all the residence of Mrs." -Tennyson's new tragesly, "The Cup," will be presented at the Lyceum Theatre, London, to-night. Henry Irving and Miss Eilen Terry will sustain the principal parts.

Liabilities stated at £23,000. -Messrs, Hanlan and Ross, the oarsmen, have

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race to take place in the early part of the ensuing season. They will allow a fair portion of the stakes for going to America to row.